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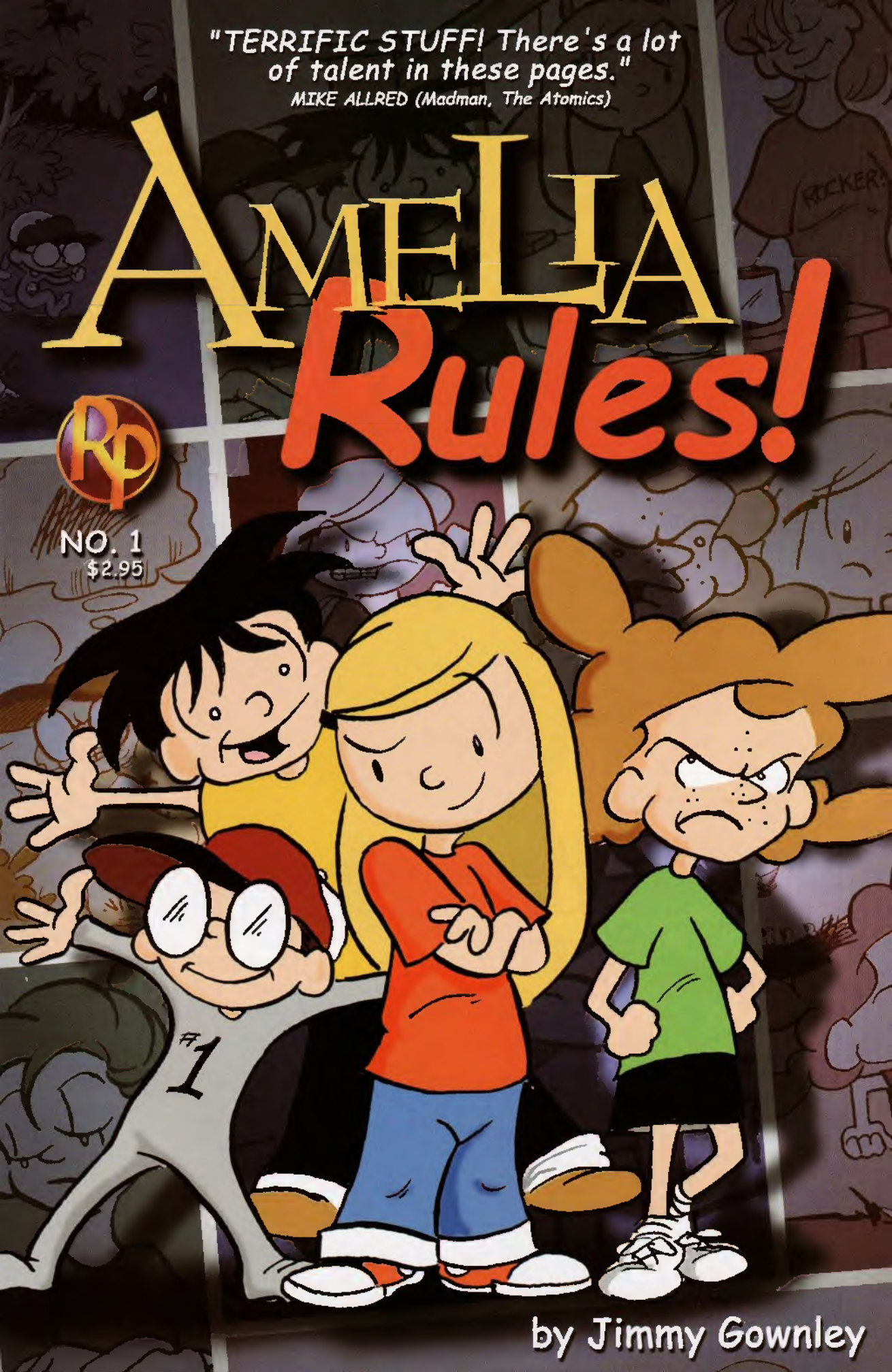

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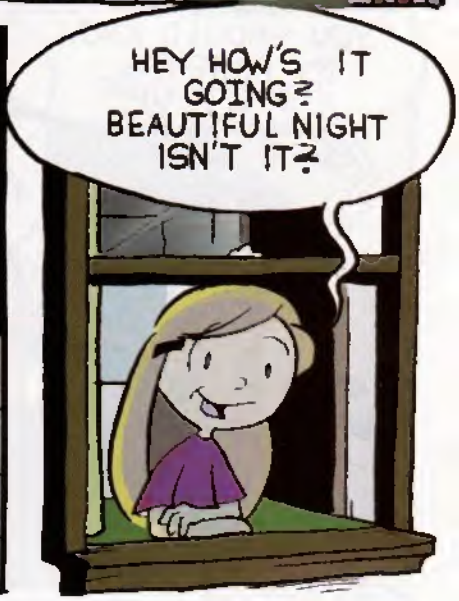
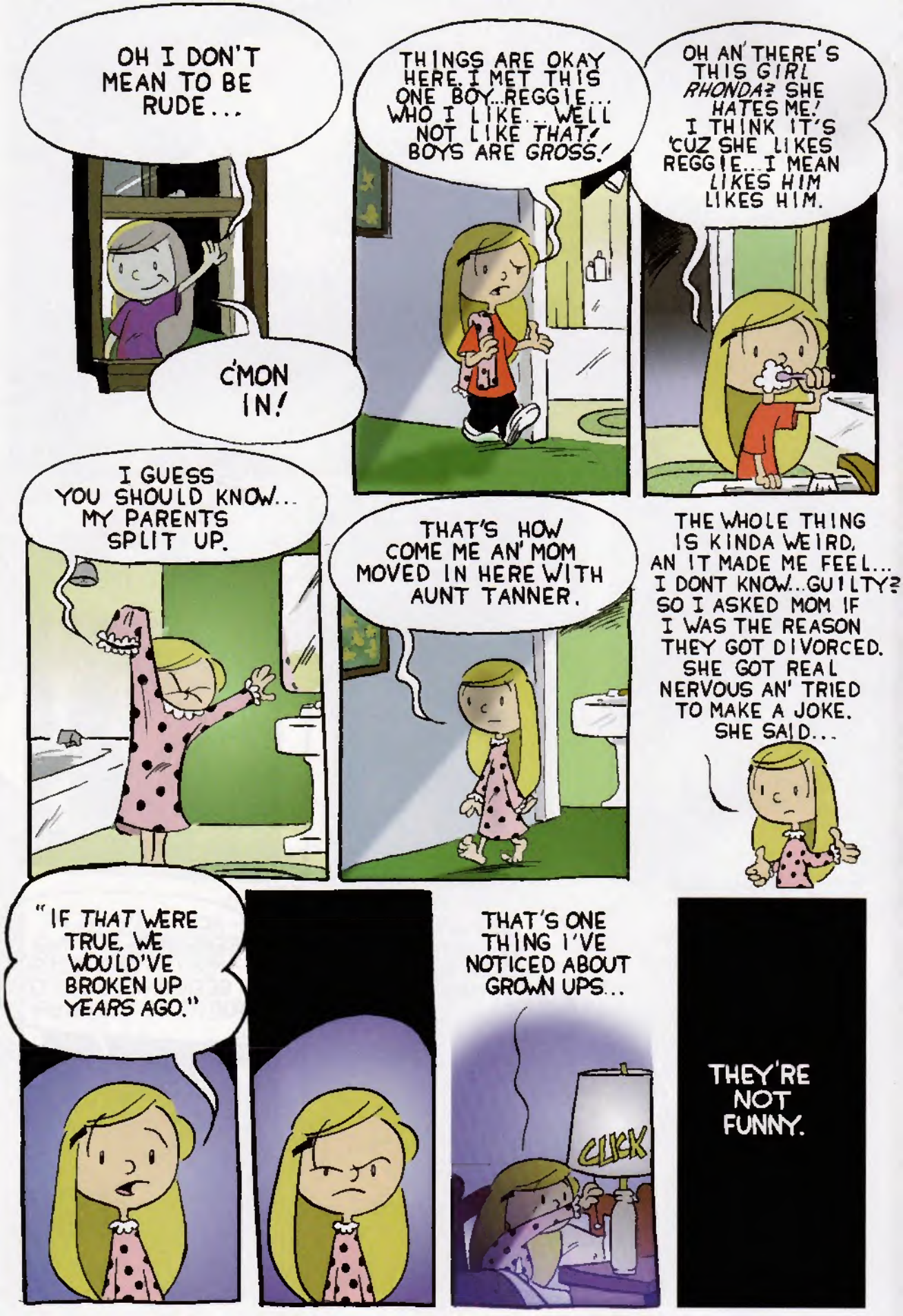
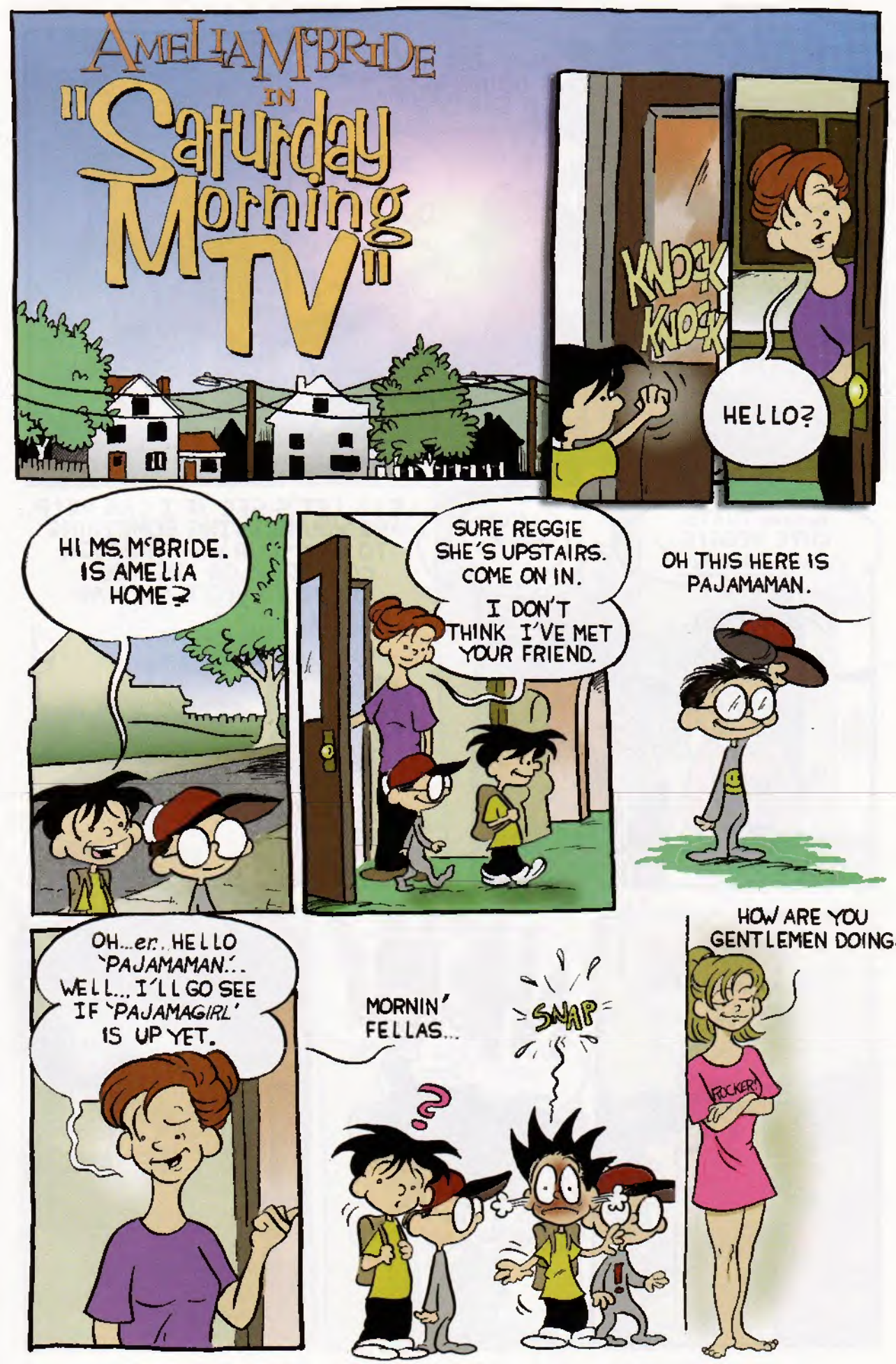
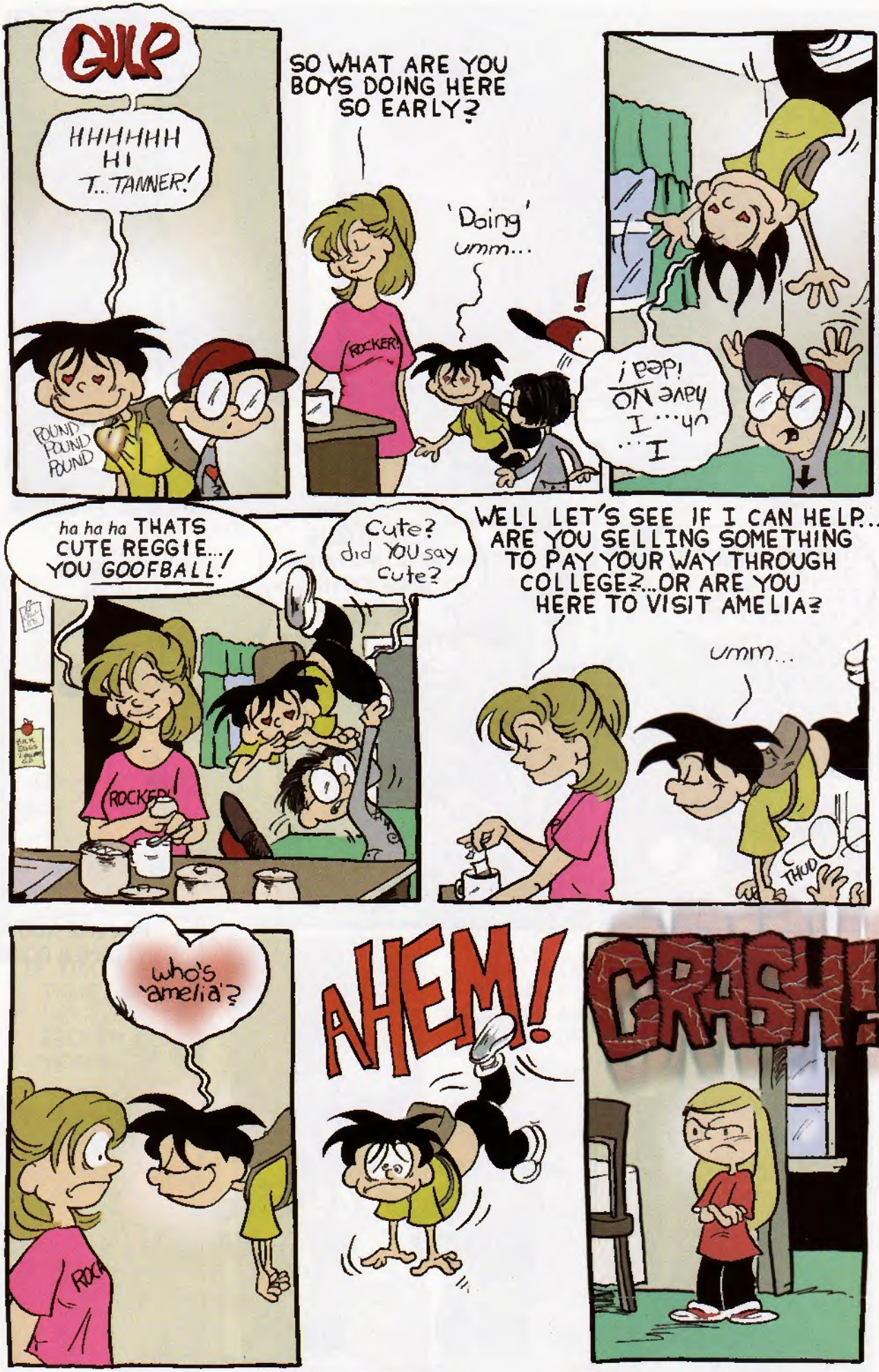
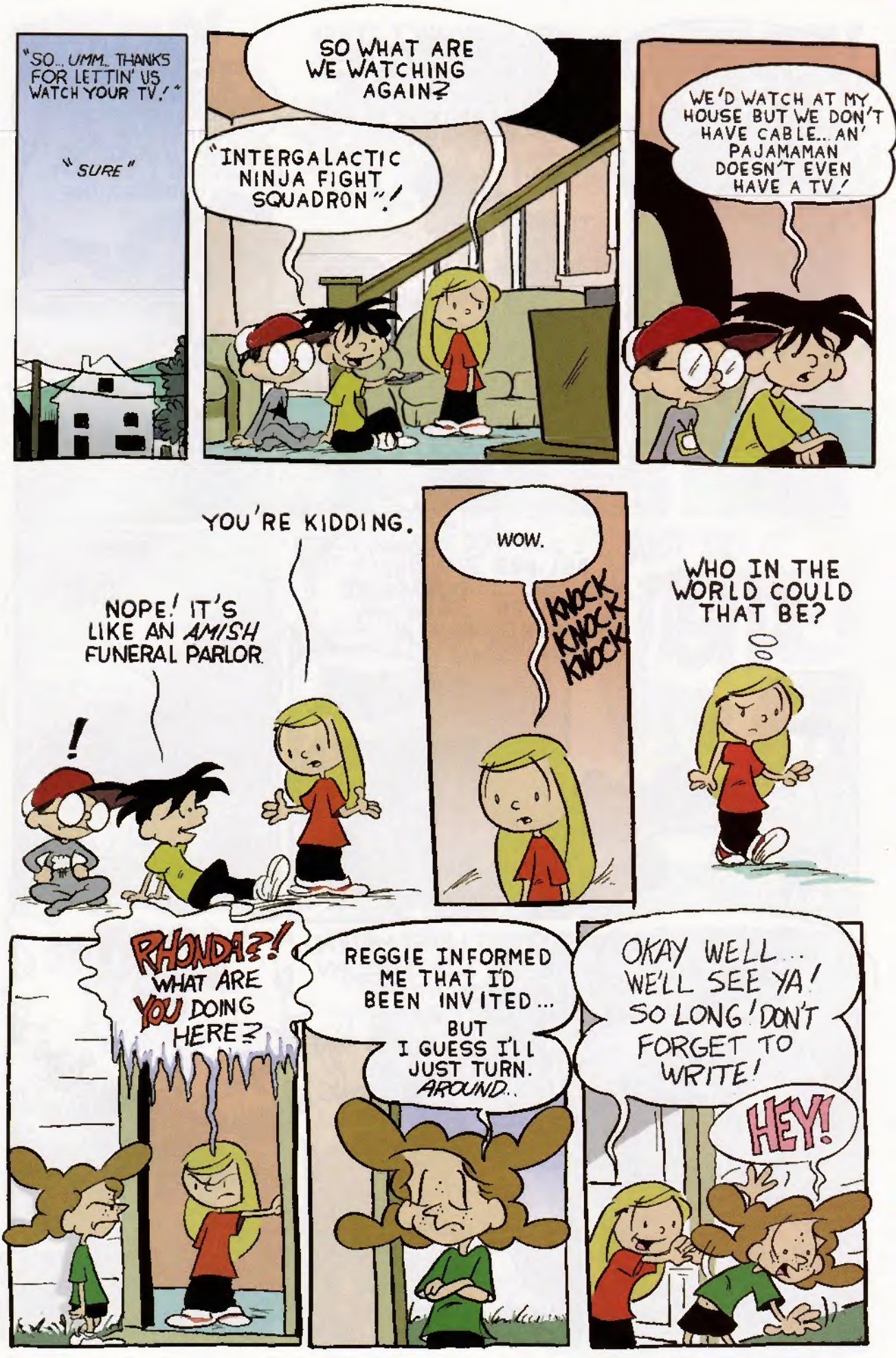


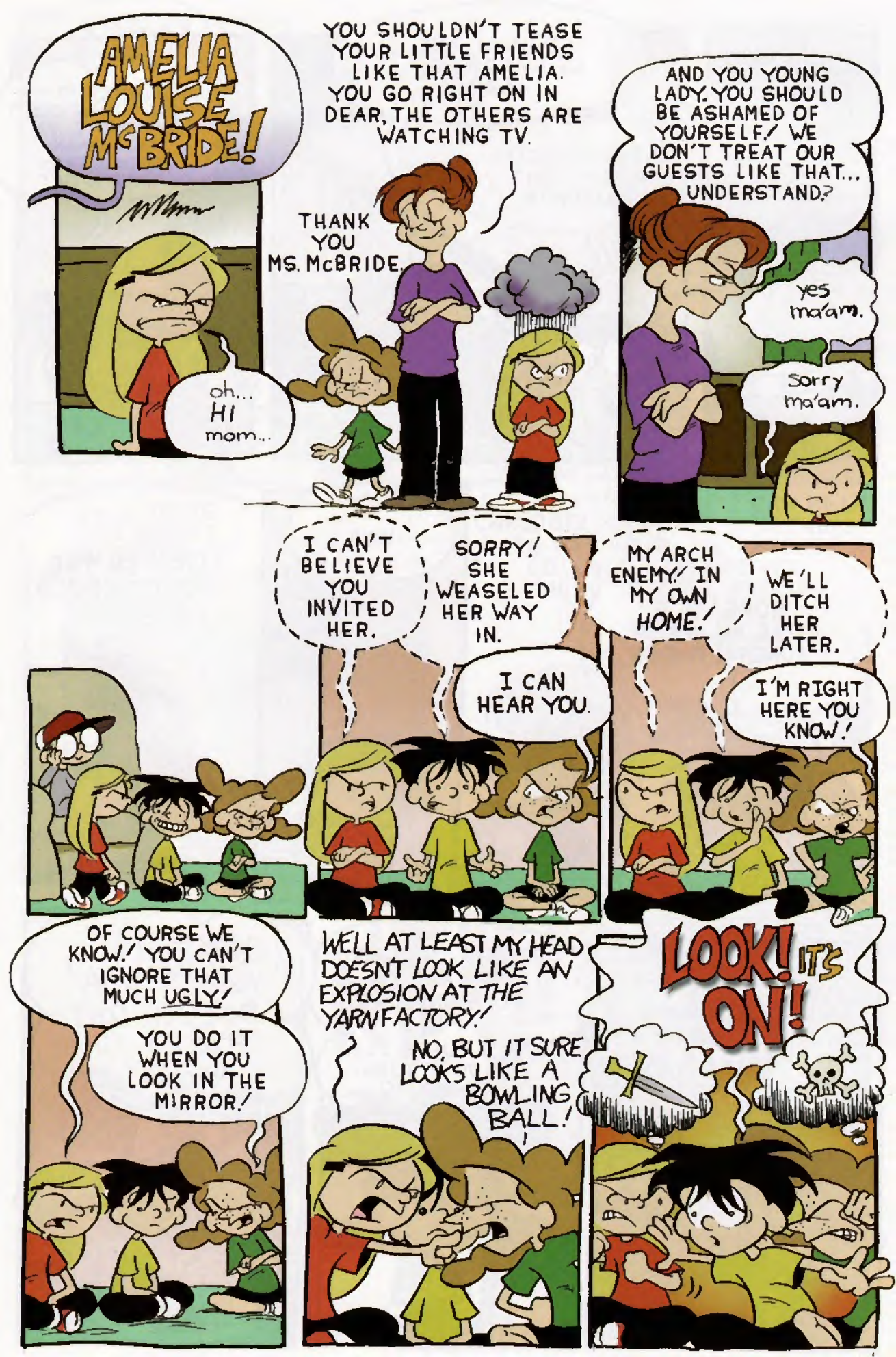

OH I DON'T MEAN TO BE RUDE...
C'MON IN!
THINGS ARE OKAY HERE. I MET THIS ONE BOY...REGGIE... WHO I LIKE... WELL NOT LIKE THAT! BOYS ARE GROSS!
OH AN' THERE'S THIS GIRL RHONDA? SHE HATES ME! I THINK IT'S 'CUZ SHE LIKES REGGIE...I MEAN LIKES HIM LIKES HIM.
I GUESS YOU SHOULD KNOW... MY PARENTS SPLIT UP.
THAT'S HOW COME ME AN' MOM MOVED IN HERE WITH AUNT TANNER.
THE WHOLE THING IS KINDA WEIRD, AN IT MADE ME FEEL... I DONT KNOW...GUILTY? SO I ASKED MOM IF I WAS THE REASON THEY GOT DIVORCED. SHE GOT REAL NERVOUS AN' TRIED TO MAKE A JOKE. SHE SAID...
"IF THAT WERE TRUE, WE WOULD'VE BROKEN UP YEARS AGO."
THAT'S ONE THING I'VE NOTICED ABOUT GROWN UPS...
CLICK
THEY'RE NOT FUNNY.

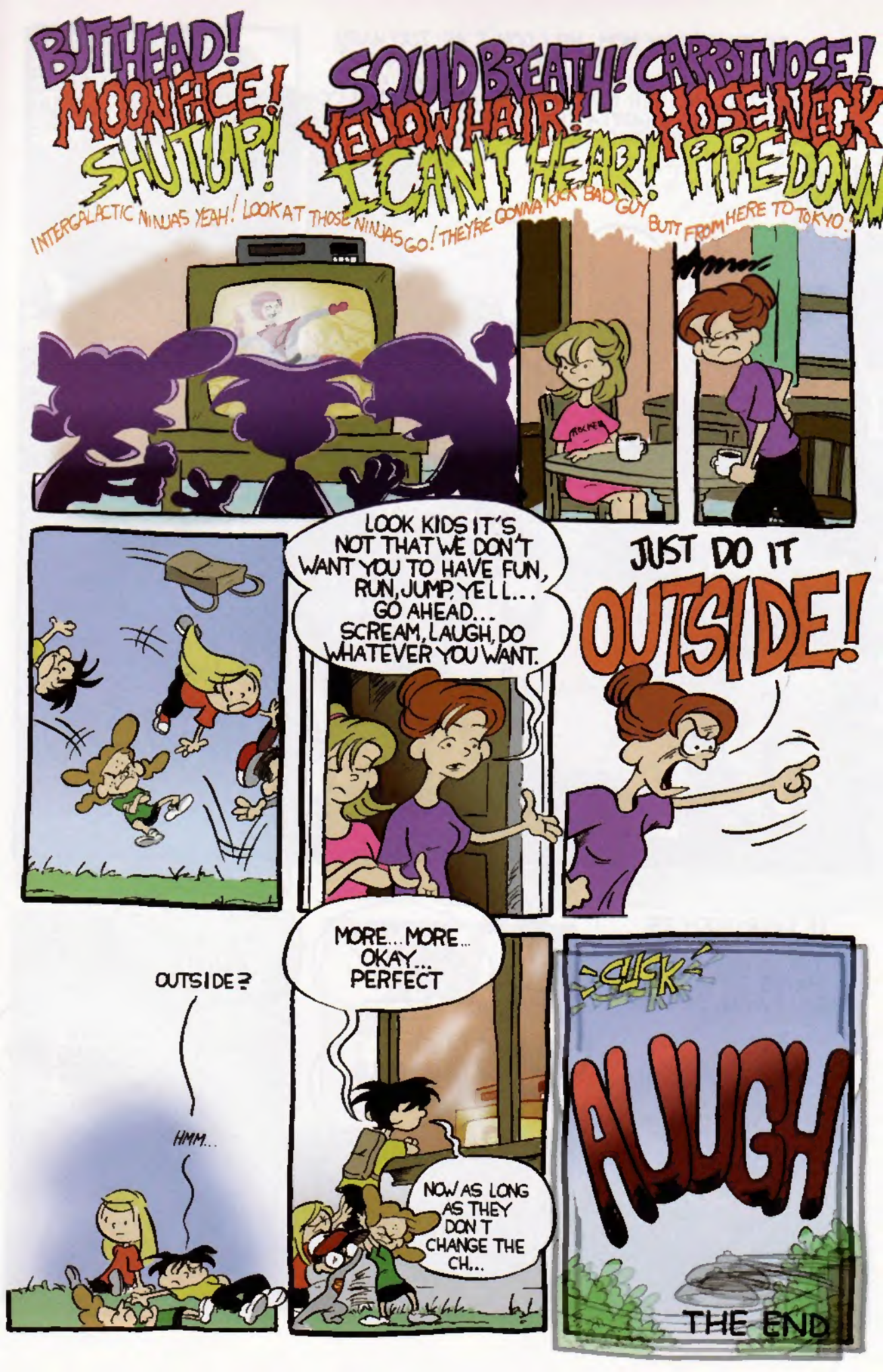
AMELIA McBRIDE IN "Saturday Morning TV"

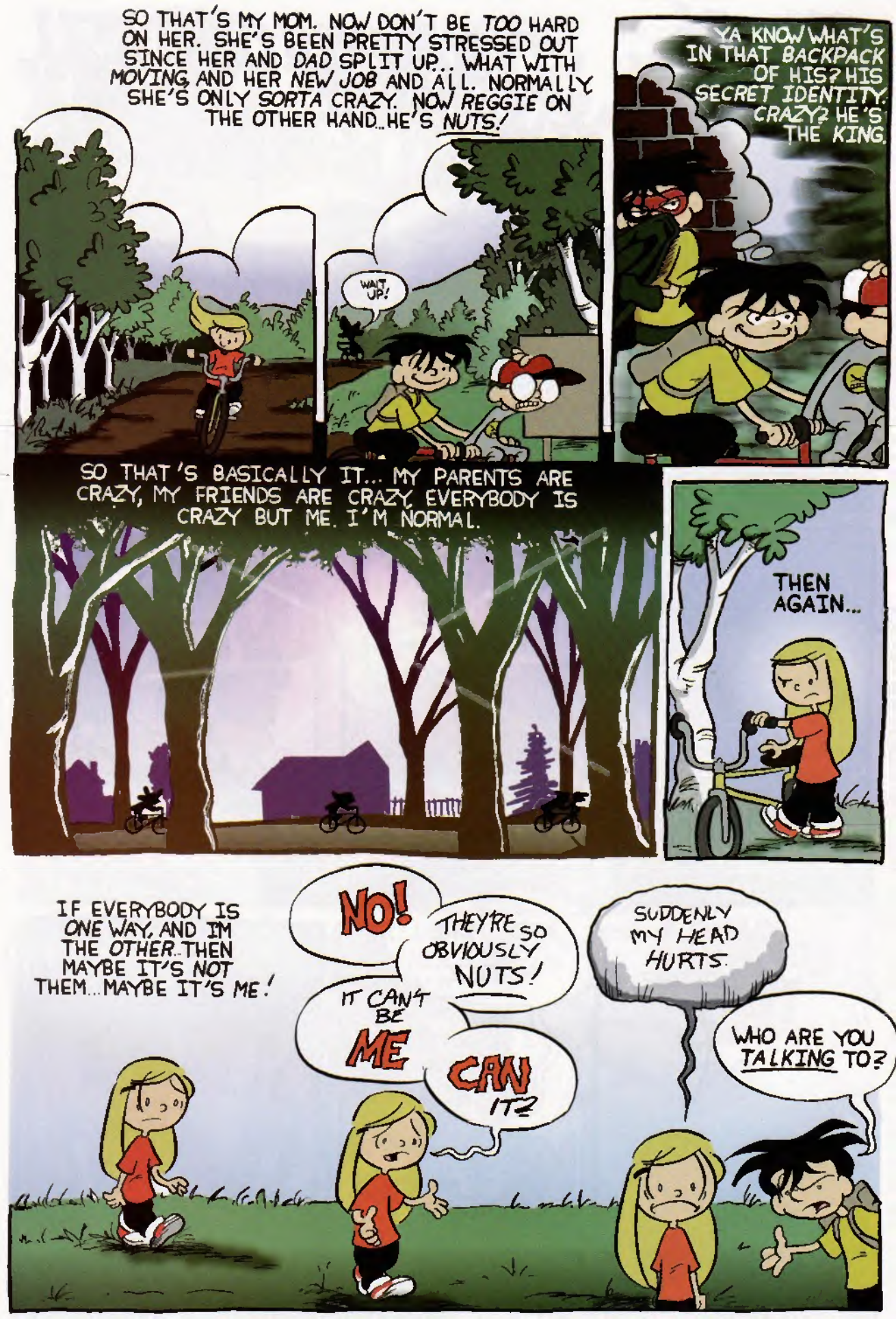

KNOCK KNOCK
HELLO?
HI MS. McBRIDE. IS AMELIA HOME?
SURE REGGIE SHE'S UPSTAIRS. COME ON IN.
I DON'T THINK I'VE MET YOUR FRIEND.
OH THIS HERE IS PAJAMAMAN.
OH...er..HELLO 'PAJAMAMAN'... WELL... I'LL GO SEE IF 'PAJAMAGIRL' IS UP YET.
MORNIN' FELLAS...
SNAP
?
HOW ARE YOU GENTLEMEN DOING?
ROCKER!

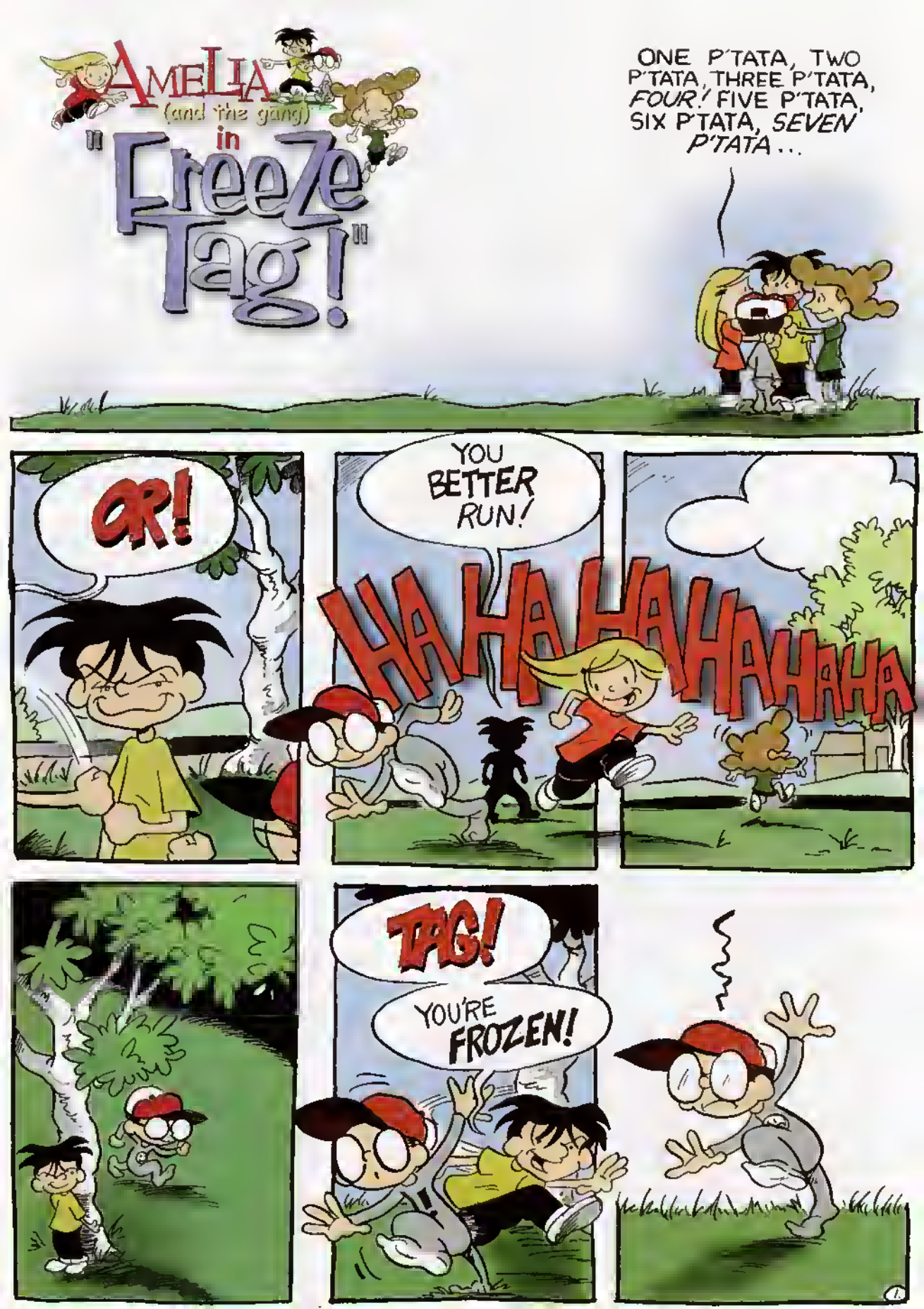

GULP
HHHHHH HI T...TANNER!
POUND POUND POUND
SO WHAT ARE YOU BOYS DOING HERE SO EARLY?
'Doing' umm...
ROCKER!
¡Beep! NO have ayay I...uh ...I
ha ha ha THATS CUTE REGGIE...! YOU GOOFBALL!
Cute? did YOU say cute?
ROCKER!
WELL LET'S SEE IF I CAN HELP... ARE YOU SELLING SOMETHING TO PAY YOUR WAY THROUGH COLLEGE?...OR ARE YOU HERE TO VISIT AMELIA?
umm...
THUD
who's 'amelia'?
AHEM!
CRASH!


"SO... UMM... THANKS FOR LETTIN' US WATCH YOUR TV!"
"SURE"
SO WHAT ARE WE WATCHING AGAIN?
"INTERGALACTIC NINJA FIGHT SQUADRON"!
WE'D WATCH AT MY HOUSE BUT WE DON'T HAVE CABLE... AN' PAJAMAMAN DOESN'T EVEN HAVE A TV!
YOU'RE KIDDING.
NOPE! IT'S LIKE AN AMISH FUNERAL PARLOR
!
WOW.
KNOCK KNOCK KNOCK
WHO IN THE WORLD COULD THAT BE?
RHONDA?! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
REGGIE INFORMED ME THAT I'D BEEN INVITED... BUT I GUESS I'LL JUST TURN. AROUND..
OKAY WELL... WE'LL SEE YA! SO LONG! DON'T FORGET TO WRITE!
HEY!


AMELIA LOUISE McBRIDE!
oh... HI mom...
YOU SHOULDN'T TEASE YOUR LITTLE FRIENDS LIKE THAT AMELIA. YOU GO RIGHT ON IN DEAR, THE OTHERS ARE WATCHING TV.
THANK YOU MS. McBRIDE.
AND YOU YOUNG LADY. YOU SHOULD BE ASHAMED OF YOURSELF./ WE DON'T TREAT OUR GUESTS LIKE THAT... UNDERSTAND?
yes ma'am.
sorry ma'am.
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU INVITED HER.
SORRY! SHE WEASELED HER WAY IN.
I CAN HEAR YOU.
MY ARCH ENEMY./ IN MY OWN HOME!
WE'LL DITCH HER LATER.
I'M RIGHT HERE YOU KNOW!
OF COURSE WE KNOW!/ YOU CAN'T IGNORE THAT MUCH UGLY!
YOU DO IT WHEN YOU LOOK IN THE MIRROR!
WELL AT LEAST MY HEAD DOESN'T LOOK LIKE AN EXPLOSION AT THE YARN FACTORY!
NO, BUT IT SURE LOOKS LIKE A BOWLING BALL!
LOOK! IT'S ON!

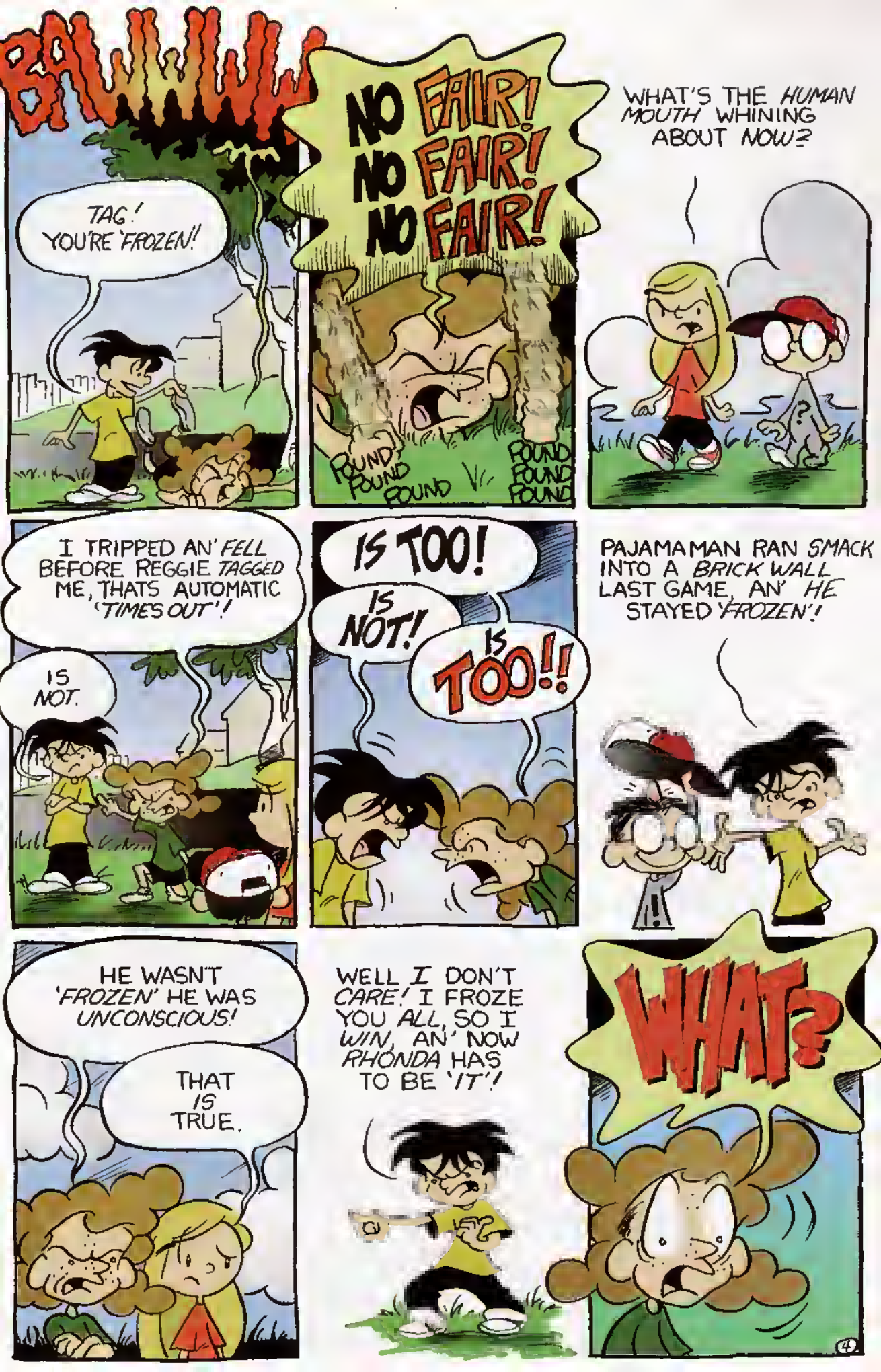

BUTTHEAD!
MOONFACE!
SHUTUP!
SQUIDBREATH!
YELLOWHAIR!
I CAN'T HEAR!
CARROTNOSE!
HOSENECK
PIPE DOWN
INTERGALACTIC NINJAS YEAH! LOOK AT THOSE NINJAS GO! THEY'RE GONNA KICK BAD GUY BUTT FROM HERE TO TOKYO.
LOOK KIDS IT'S NOT THAT WE DON'T WANT YOU TO HAVE FUN, RUN, JUMP, YELL... GO AHEAD... SCREAM, LAUGH, DO WHATEVER YOU WANT.
JUST DO IT
OUTSIDE!
OUTSIDE?
HMM...
MORE... MORE... OKAY... PERFECT
NOW AS LONG AS THEY DON'T CHANGE THE CH...
CLICK
AUUGH
THE END


SO THAT'S MY MOM. NOW DON'T BE TOO HARD ON HER. SHE'S BEEN PRETTY STRESSED OUT SINCE HER AND DAD SPLIT UP... WHAT WITH MOVING, AND HER NEW JOB AND ALL. NORMALLY SHE'S ONLY SORTA CRAZY. NOW REGGIE ON THE OTHER HAND...HE'S NUTS!
WAIT UP!
YA KNOW WHAT'S IN THAT BACKPACK OF HIS? HIS SECRET IDENTITY. CRAZY? HE'S THE KING.
SO THAT'S BASICALLY IT... MY PARENTS ARE CRAZY, MY FRIENDS ARE CRAZY, EVERYBODY IS CRAZY BUT ME. I'M NORMAL.
THEN AGAIN...
IF EVERYBODY IS ONE WAY, AND IM THE OTHER...THEN MAYBE IT'S NOT THEM...MAYBE IT'S ME!
NO!
THEY'RE SO OBVIOUSLY NUTS!
IT CAN'T BE ME
CAN IT?
SUDDENLY MY HEAD HURTS.
WHO ARE YOU TALKING TO?


AMELIA
(and the gang)
in
"FreeZe Tag!"
ONE P'TATA, TWO P'TATA, THREE P'TATA, FOUR! FIVE P'TATA, SIX P'TATA, SEVEN P'TATA...
OR!
YOU BETTER RUN!
HA HA HA HA HA HA HA
TAG!
YOU'RE FROZEN!

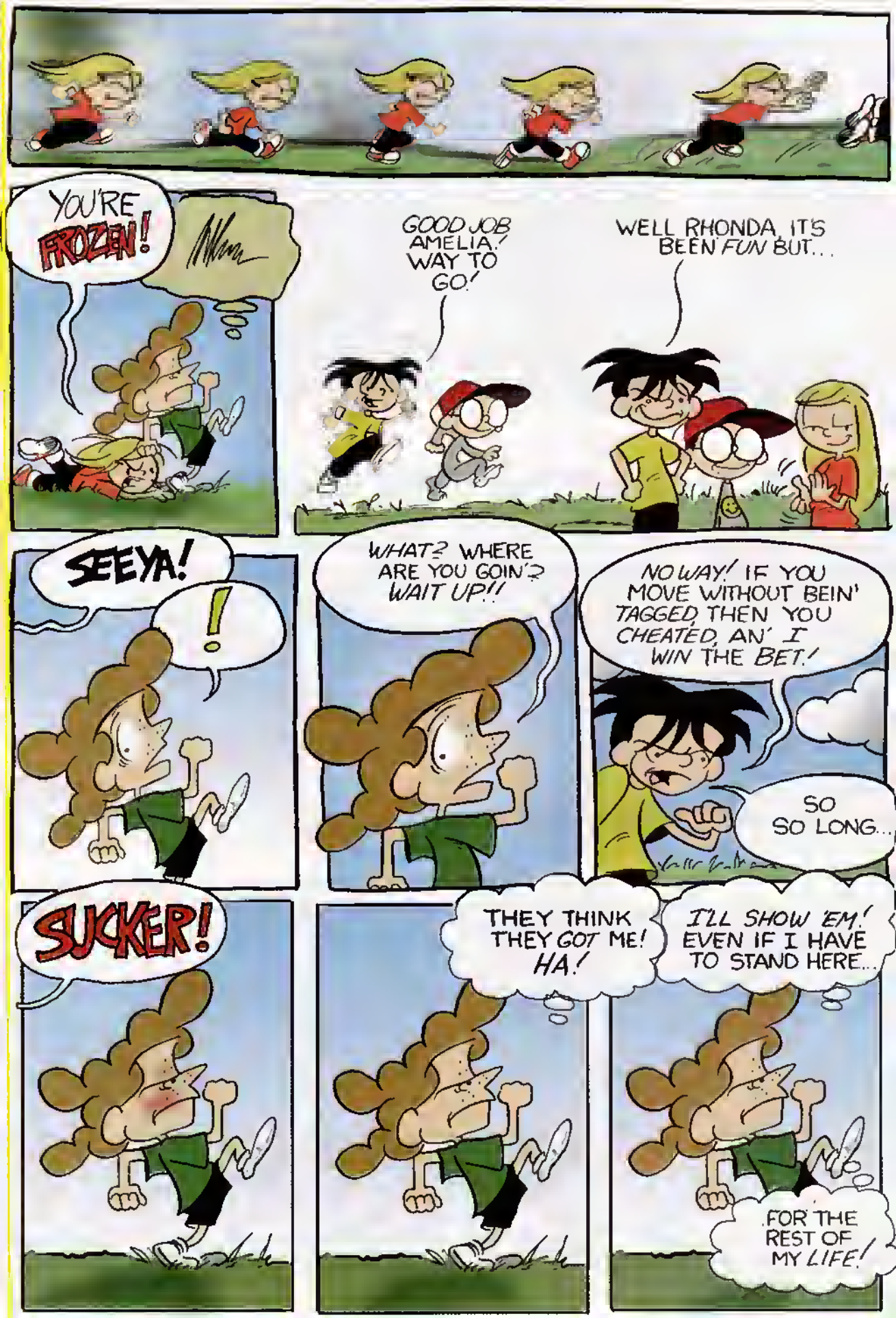
BASE!
YOU'RE FROZEN!
AM NOT! I WAS ON 'BASE'!
NUH' UH!
THAT'S NOT 'BASE.' THE OTHER TREE IS 'BASE'!
I CALLED THIS TREE 'BASE'!
THAT WAS LAST GAME!
THIS GAME!
LAST GAME!
THIS GAME!
FINE BABY!
BRRRRP
TAG!
!
DRAT!
HMM...
AHA!

HERE I COME RHONDA!
EEEK!
PAJAMA MAN! YOU'RE UNFROZEN!
SLAP
TAG!
YOU'RE FROZEN!
PUFF
PUFF
PUFF
PUFF
TRIP!
OOF!

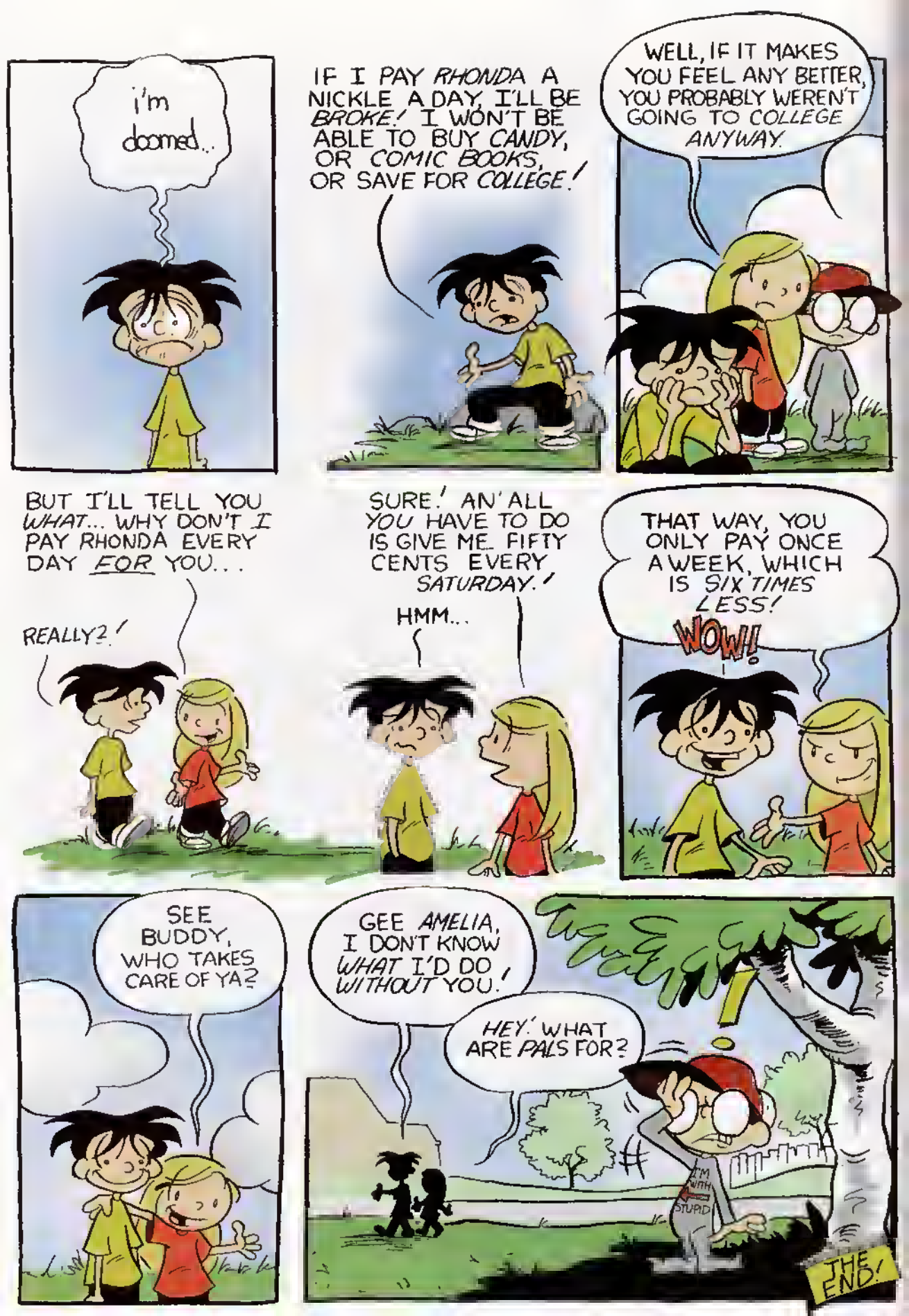

BAWWWW
TAG! YOU'RE 'FROZEN'!
NO FAIR! NO FAIR! NO FAIR!
POUND POUND POUND
POUND POUND POUND
WHAT'S THE HUMAN MOUTH WHINING ABOUT NOW?
I TRIPPED AN' FELL BEFORE REGGIE TAGGED ME, THATS AUTOMATIC 'TIME'S OUT'!
IS NOT.
IS TOO!
IS NOT!
IS TOO!!
PAJAMAMAN RAN SMACK INTO A BRICK WALL LAST GAME, AN' HE STAYED 'FROZEN'!
HE WASN'T 'FROZEN' HE WAS UNCONSCIOUS!
THAT IS TRUE.
WELL I DON'T CARE! I FROZE YOU ALL, SO I WIN, AN' NOW RHONDA HAS TO BE 'IT'!
WHAT?
4

I'M NOT 'IT'! I WAS 'IT' LAST GAME!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKIN' ABOUT? I JUST WAS 'IT'!
I MEANT THE GAME BEFORE!
WAIT A SECOND..
I WAS 'IT' THE GAME BEFORE LAST!
LIAR!
GEEZ RHONDA, YOU'RE SUCH A CHEATER!
I AM NOT A CHEATER
YOU ARE TOO! ALL YOU DO IS CHEAT! AS A MATTER OF FACT, I BET YOU FORTY THOUSAND MILLION TRILLION BILLION DOLLARS YOU CAN'T EVEN PLAY FAIR FOR ONE STUPID GAME!
OH YEAH?
FINE! IT'S A BET!
FINE!
ONLY I'M NOT 'IT'!
GRRNFF!
TWITCH TWITCH

SEE! YOU'RE CHEATING ALREADY!
WILL YOU TWO STOP ARGUING! I'LL BE 'IT' ALREADY!
HMM...
HEY REGGIE...
...psstpsstpss...
HMM HEH HEH
HEY! NO WHISPERING!
psstpsstpss...
OKAY! NEW GAME! READY? ALL MY CHICKEES OFF OF BASE BEFORE I COUNT TO THREE...
ONE...
TWO...
THREE!
ZIP!

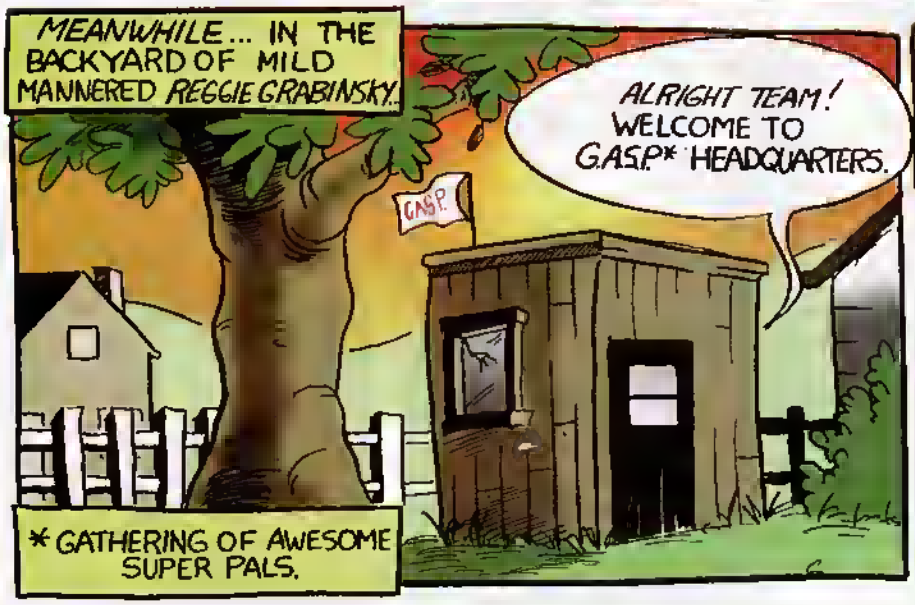

YOU'RE FROZEN!
GOOD JOB AMELIA! WAY TO GO!
WELL RHONDA, IT'S BEEN FUN BUT...
SEEYA!
!
WHAT? WHERE ARE YOU GOIN'? WAIT UP!!
NO WAY! IF YOU MOVE WITHOUT BEIN' TAGGED THEN YOU CHEATED, AN' I WIN THE BET!
SO SO LONG...
SUCKER!
THEY THINK THEY GOT ME! HA!
I'LL SHOW 'EM! EVEN IF I HAVE TO STAND HERE...
FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE!

LOOK! SHE'S STILL THERE!
AHAHA HAHAHA HAHAHA HAHA
RHONDA! I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'RE STILL PLAYIN' FROZEN!
HEY!
SLAP!
YOU TAGGED ME! I'M UNFROZEN'!
!
I DIDN'T CHEAT! I WON! YOU OWE ME FORTY THOUSAND MILLION TRILLION BILLION DOLLARS!
BUT... ALL I GOT IS A NICKLE!
I'LL TAKE IT!
SNATCH
AND I'LL JUST TAKE A NICKLE A DAY FOR THE REST OF YOUR STUPID LIFE!


i'm doomed...
IF I PAY RHONDA A NICKLE A DAY, I'LL BE BROKE! I WON'T BE ABLE TO BUY CANDY, OR COMIC BOOKS, OR SAVE FOR COLLEGE!
WELL, IF IT MAKES YOU FEEL ANY BETTER, YOU PROBABLY WEREN'T GOING TO COLLEGE ANYWAY.
BUT I'LL TELL YOU WHAT... WHY DON'T I PAY RHONDA EVERY DAY FOR YOU...
REALLY?!
SURE! AN' ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS GIVE ME FIFTY CENTS EVERY SATURDAY!
HMM...
THAT WAY, YOU ONLY PAY ONCE A WEEK, WHICH IS SIX TIMES LESS!
WOW!
SEE BUDDY, WHO TAKES CARE OF YA?
GEE AMELIA, I DON'T KNOW WHAT I'D DO WITHOUT YOU!
HEY! WHAT ARE PALS FOR?
I'M WITH STUPID
THE END!

OKAY, SO REGGIE'S KIND OF A DOOFUS. BUT...
SEE YA LATER!
DON'T BE LATE!
NOW WHAT WAS I...
OH YEAH!
SO HE'S A DOOFUS AN ALL, BUT HE WAS NICE TO ME WHEN I FIRST GOT HERE, SO I LIKE HIM.
NOT THAT WAY!
YOU KNOW... LIKE FRIENDS.
HE'S OBSESSED WITH SUPERHEROES, AND HE HAS THIS THING WHERE HE WANTS EVERYONE TO LIKE, DRESS UP.
SO I AGREED. CUZ IT MIGHT BE KINDA FUN.
BUT NOT BECAUSE I LIKE HIM!
'CUZ I DON'T!
OH SHUT UP.

AMELIA (and the gang) in "the SNEEZE BARF INCIDENT"


MEANWHILE... IN THE BACKYARD OF MILD MANNERED REGGIE GRABINSKY.
ALRIGHT TEAM! WELCOME TO G.A.S.P.* HEADQUARTERS.
G.A.S.P.
* GATHERING OF AWESOME SUPER PALS.

WITH HIS *PARTNERS*: *'KID LIGHTNING'* WHOSE AMAZING SPEED MAKES HIM A *WHIRLING DIRVISH* OF PAIN.

'PRINCESS POWERFUL' THE DAZZLING BEAUTY WHO ENCHANTS THE BOYS, EVEN AS SHE BASHES THEM.

AND FINALLY... THE MYSTERIOUS LONER KNOWN ONLY AS... *'THE MOUTH'*

OKAY... FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS...
AH AH AH
CHOO!
:SNIFF: FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS... THE NAME 'PRINCESS POWERFUL.'
WHAT'S WRONG WITH IT?
WELL... IT'S KIND OF A SISSY NAME DON'T YOU THINK?
I'M A GIRL, YOU DOPE! IT SHOWS OFF MY LADY LIKE NATURE!
HAHAHAHA THAT'S GREAT! 'LADYLIKE NATURE!'
HAHAHA
YOU'RE A RIOT AMELIA!!
OWWWWW STOP!
SAY I'M 'LADYLIKE'!
OKAY! MERCY! YOU'RE LADYLIKE!
DOES ANYONE ELSE WANT TO QUESTION MY FEMININITY?!
I DARE!
NO NO.. YOU'RE GENTLE AS A SUMMER BREEZE!
okay..
:ouch:
on to our 2ND order of business...

AHCHOOOO

YOU POOR THING! ARE YOU OKAY?

IT'S MY ALLERGIES... I'M FEELING BETTER TODAY, BUT LAST NIGHT I ALMOST SNEEZE BARFED!

OH PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE DON'T LET HER ASK...

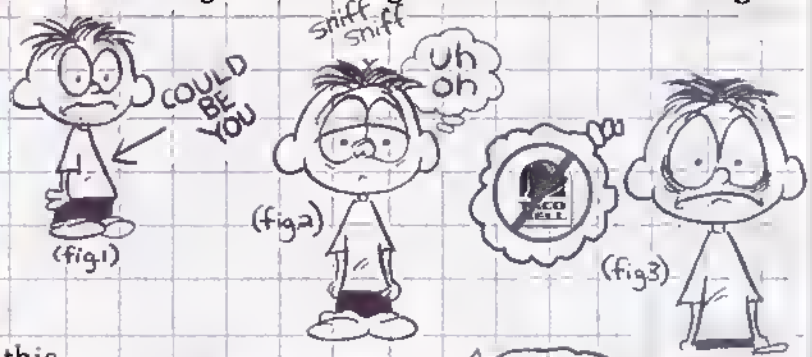
WHAT WHAT THE HECK IS A "SNEEZE BARF"?!

"WHAT'S A SNEEZE BARF?"

OH WELL...

WELL IT'S KINDA HARD TO EXPLAIN... BUT LET'S SEE...

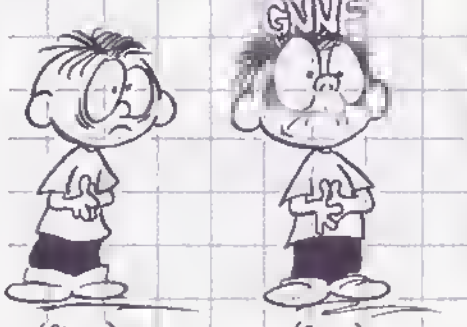
Sneezicus Barfona (The Common Sneeze Barf)can occur to any one at any time (fig 1). Early symptoms include sniffles and a strong feeling of dread (fig.2) Gradually one becomes aware of a strange queeziness combined with the the urge to never again eat at Taco Bell® (fig. 3).



Soon the queeziness grows more intense and the nostrils begin to burn (fig.4).

Often at this point the victim bravely tries to stifle the twin urges (Fig. 5).

This soon proves futile, and so... (Fig.6)

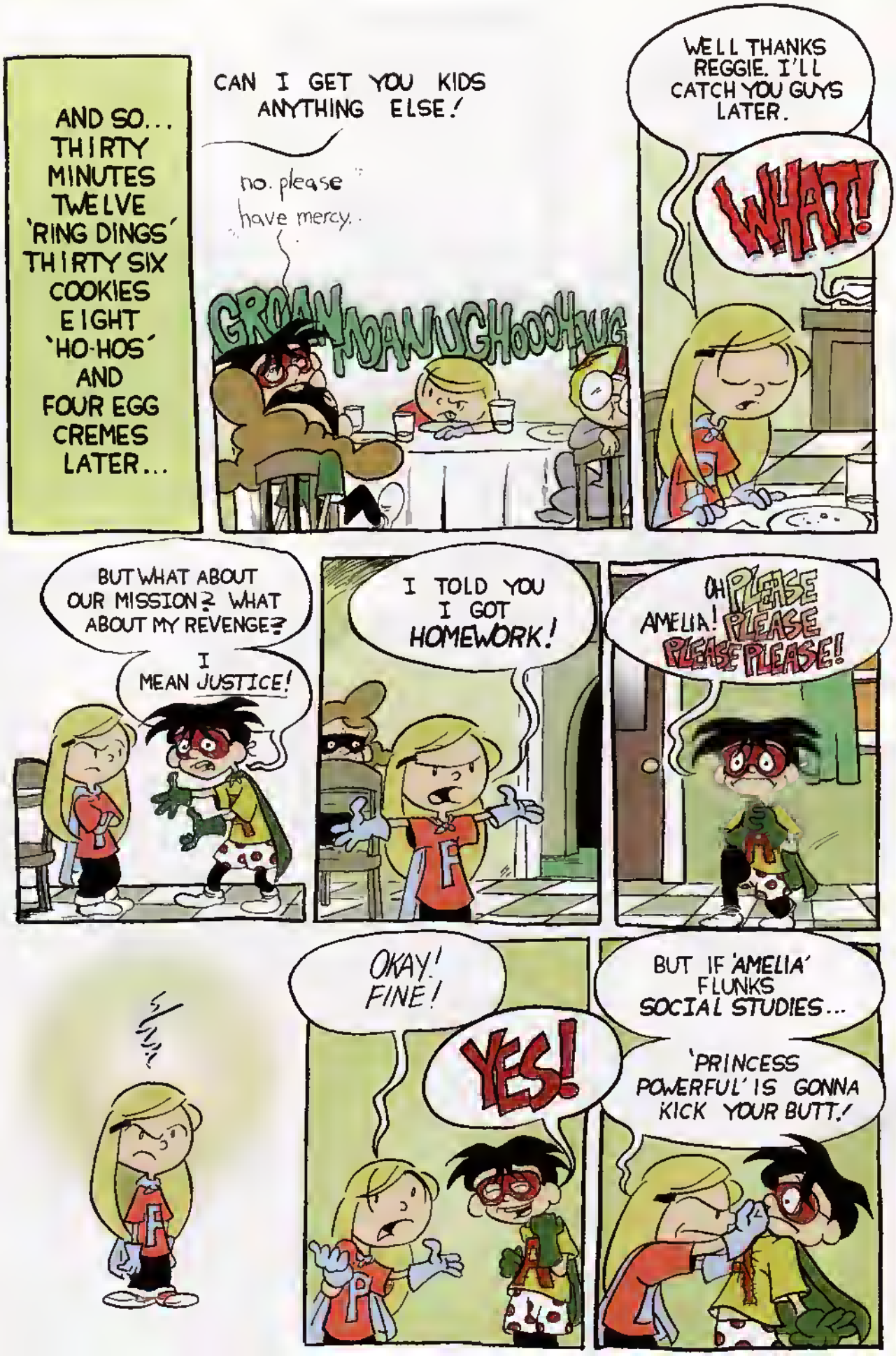


AHHHEEEEW!

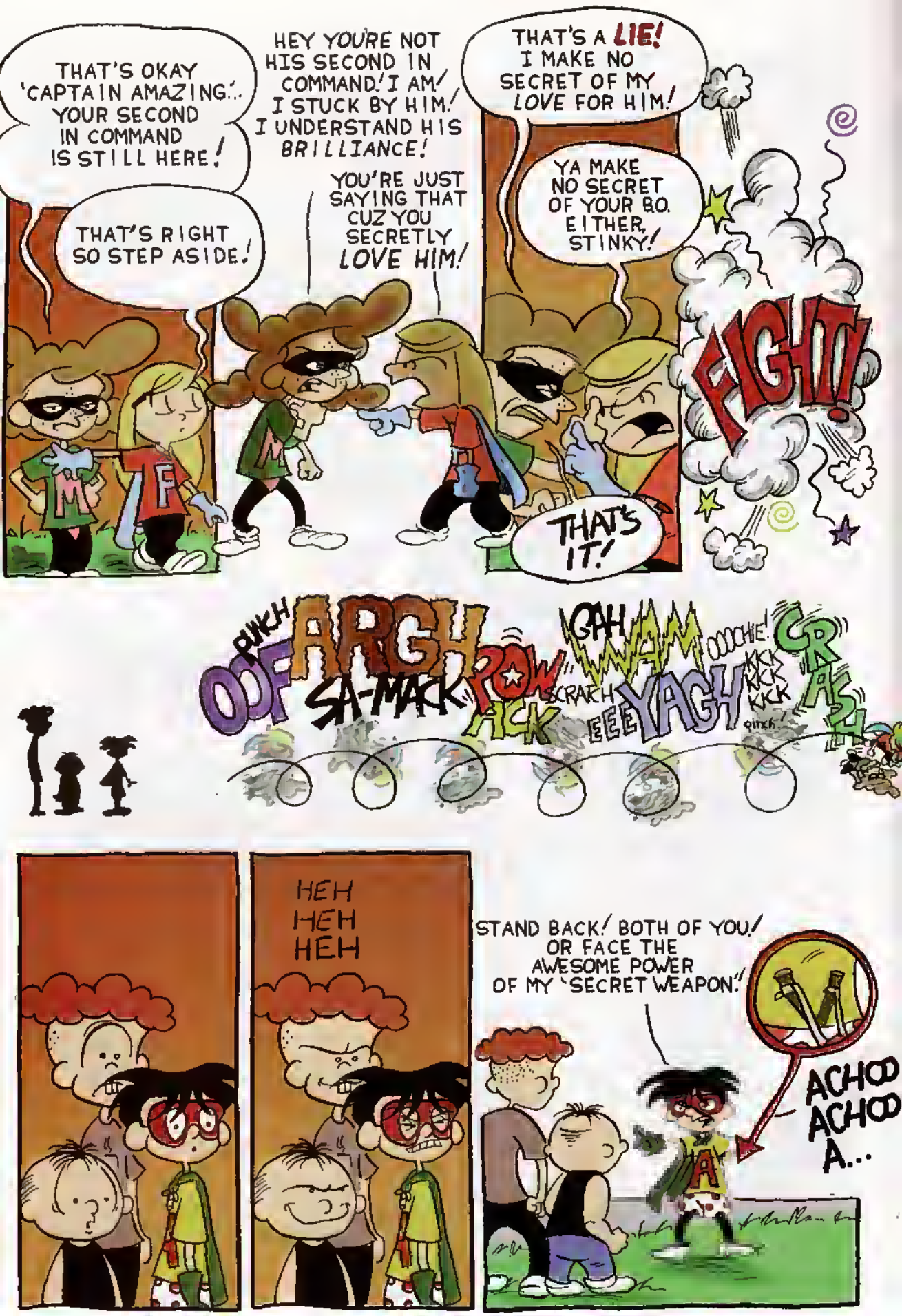
IT'S A CONDITION WHICH HAS BROUGHT MODERN MEDICINE TO ITS KNEES!
HMM...
C'N WE GET THIS SHOW ON THE ROAD...
I GOT HOMEWORK!
OKAY OKAY OKAY...
KID LIGHTNING... LIGHTS PLEASE.
NOW, PLEASE PAY CLOSE ATTENTION TO THE FOLLOWING TOP SECRET SLIDE PRESENTATION.
I HAD NO IDEA THIS CLUB HOUSE WAS MULTI MEDIA!
CLICK
OUR SUBJECTS GO BY THE NAMES 'BUG' AND 'IGGY.'
I HAVE CLASS WITH THE SHORT ONE... HE SMELLS.
THEY'VE BEEN MENACING KIDS FOR YEARS.
CLICK
AND NOW WE MUST
LOOK!
HAHAHAHAHA
♫ REGGIE GOT A WEDGIE REGGIE GOT A WEDGIE

gee... i wonder how THAT got there.
SO ANYWAY... THEY RE NEFARIOUS SO WE HAVE TO GO AN BEAT EM UP. THAT'S OUR MISSION.
REGGIE I HATE TO SAY THIS... BUT YOU'RE BABBLING... YOU'RE INCOHERENT... YOU SOUND LIKE YOU WERE WRITTEN BY STAN LEE.
SHE'S RIGHT. I MEAN IF WE'RE JUST GONNA BEAT PEOPLE UP FOR NO REASON, WE CAN JUST SMACK YOU AROUND AND SAVE ALL THAT WALKING.
IT'S NOT FOR NO REASON! THEY RE NEFARIOUS!
YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT THAT WORD MEANS!
is it dirty?
MAYBE NOT. BUT SUPERMAN SAID IT ABOUT METALLO SO IT CANT BE GOOD.
OH I SEE. GREAT. WE GO OVER AN BEAT THESE GUYS UP... AND THEN WHEN THEY ASK US WHY...
WE TELL THEM IT'S CUZ THEY'RE LIKE METALLO!
DON'T YOU SEE. THESE GUYS HAVE TERRORIZED OUR STREETS FOR TOO LONG! THIS IS ABOUT FREEDOM. AND COMMUNITY! AND... AND... AND...
JUSTICE
anyway... I think we should do it for Reggie.
AHHAHA
HAHAHA
HAHAHA

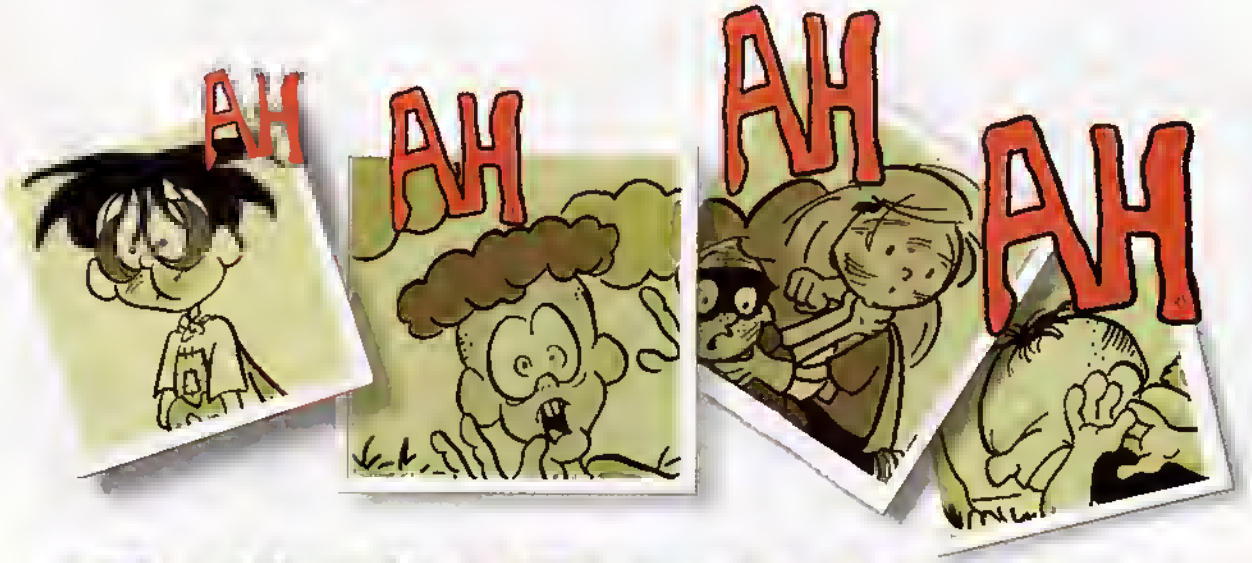
YOU GOOBER!
YOU ARE REGGIE!
YEAH DOOFUS! WHAT THE HECK IS WRONG WITH YOU?
WHY WON'T THEY JUST GIVE YOU A WEDGIE AN' ROB YOU AGAIN?
I'M WEARING A CAPE.
UNCONVINCED, THE MIGHTY MEMBERS OF G.A.S.P. START OUT ON THEIR DREADFUL MISSION...
UNTIL SUDDENLY...
♫ REGGIE! I HAVE SNACKS FOR YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS! ♫
PTWING!

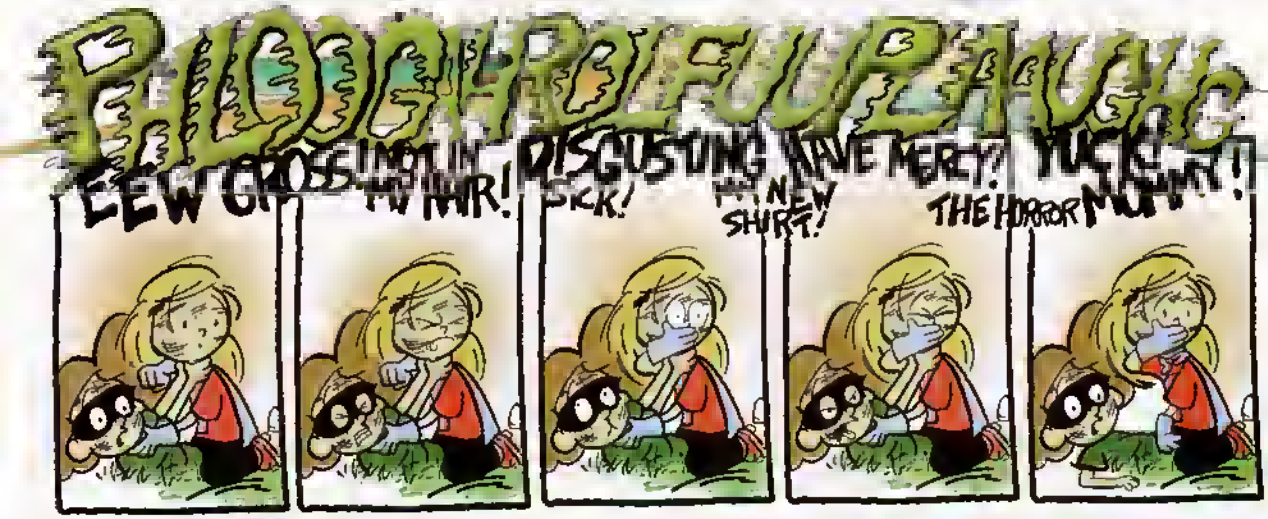

AND SO... THIRTY MINUTES TWELVE 'RING DINGS' THIRTY SIX COOKIES EIGHT 'HO-HOS' AND FOUR EGG CREMES LATER...
CAN I GET YOU KIDS ANYTHING ELSE!
no. please have mercy..
GROAN MOAN UGH OOOH AUG
WELL THANKS REGGIE. I'LL CATCH YOU GUYS LATER.
WHAT!
BUT WHAT ABOUT OUR MISSION? WHAT ABOUT MY REVENGE?
I MEAN JUSTICE!
I TOLD YOU I GOT HOMEWORK!
OH PLEASE AMELIA! PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE!
OKAY! FINE!
YES!
BUT IF 'AMELIA' FLUNKS SOCIAL STUDIES...
'PRINCESS POWERFUL' IS GONNA KICK YOUR BUTT!

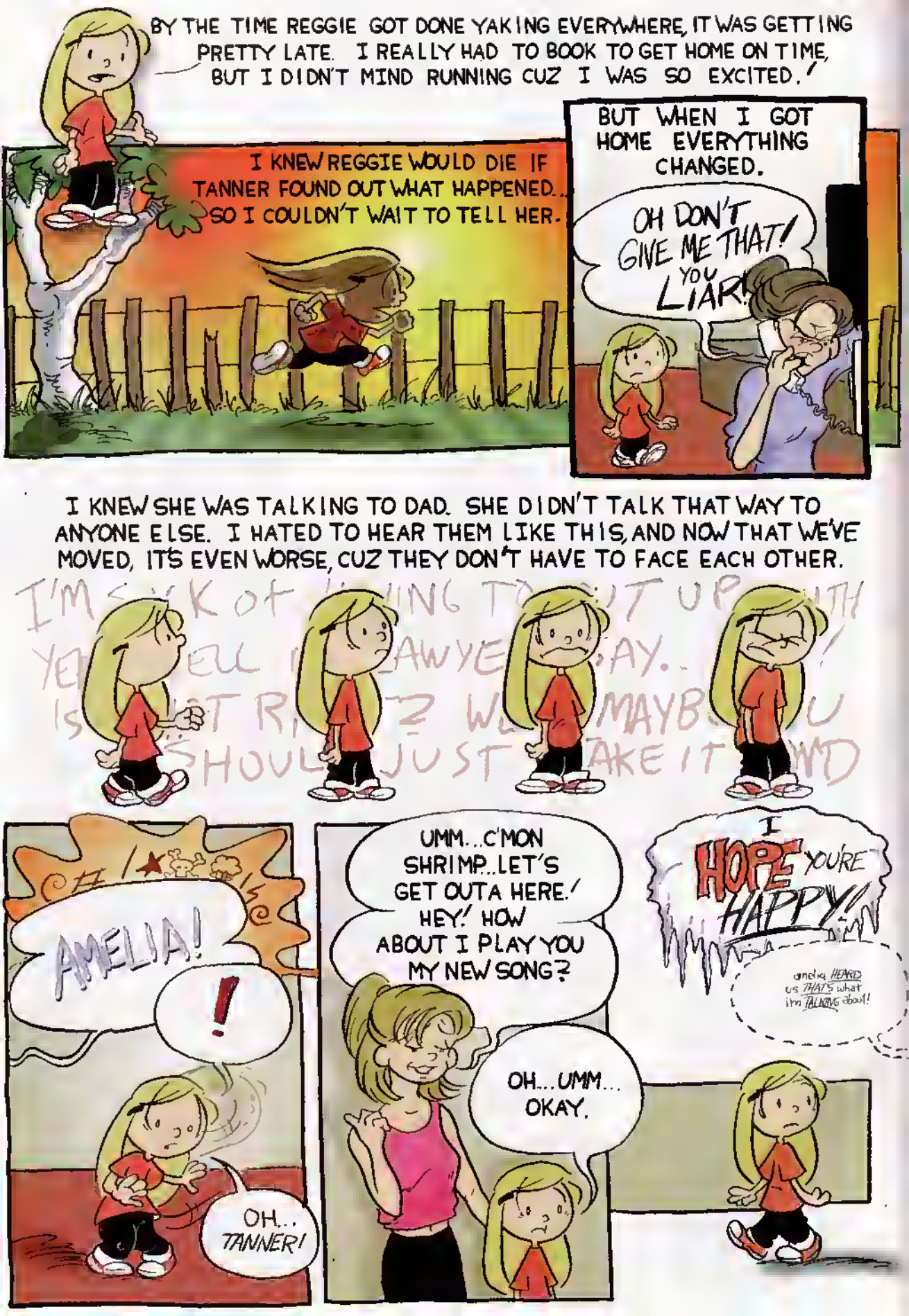
AND SO THE FEROCIOUS FOUR VENTURE OUT INTO THE MEAN STREETS THEY ARE SWORN TO PROTECT!
WHY IS EVERYBODY STARING AT US?!
IT'S CUZ OF MY BEAUTY. YOU GET USED TO IT!
ugh.. I never shouldve eaten so much..
ACK!
THERE THEY ARE!
OKAY NOW BE QUIET SO WE... SO WE...
ACHOO!
OHNO!
Hey Iggy.. Look at the Freak Parade!!
HUH HUH IS THE CIRCUS IN TOWN?
HO VILLIANS! PREPARE TO FACE THE WRATH OF 'CAPTAIN AMAZING'..
ACHOO
:sniff:
'KID LIGHTNING' DAZZLE THEM WITH YOUR SUPERSONIC SPEED!
NOT BY RUNNING HOME!!
WOW.. Look at 'im go


THAT'S OKAY 'CAPTAIN AMAZING'.. YOUR SECOND IN COMMAND IS STILL HERE!
THAT'S RIGHT SO STEP ASIDE!
HEY YOU'RE NOT HIS SECOND IN COMMAND! I AM! I STUCK BY HIM! I UNDERSTAND HIS BRILLIANCE!
YOU'RE JUST SAYING THAT CUZ YOU SECRETLY LOVE HIM!
THAT'S A LIE! I MAKE NO SECRET OF MY LOVE FOR HIM!
YA MAKE NO SECRET OF YOUR B.O. EITHER, STINKY!
FIGHT!
THAT'S IT!
PUNCH
OOF
ARGH
SA-MACK
POW
ACK
SCRATCH
GAH
WAM
EEE
YAGH
OOOCHIE!
KICK KICK KICK
pinch!
CRASH
HEH HEH HEH
STAND BACK! BOTH OF YOU! OR FACE THE AWESOME POWER OF MY 'SECRET WEAPON!'
ACHOO ACHOO A...

NO ONE'S CERTAIN. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT. PERHAPS IT WAS THE GLARING LATE AFTERNOON SUN. PERHAPS IT WAS THE ALLERGIES. IT ALMOST CERTAINLY WAS THE SNACK FOOD... REGARDLESS...THE NEXT INSTANT WOULD BE BURNED INTO THESE FIVE YOUNG MINDS ... FOREVER.






BY THE TIME REGGIE GOT DONE YAKING EVERYWHERE, IT WAS GETTING PRETTY LATE. I REALLY HAD TO BOOK TO GET HOME ON TIME, BUT I DIDN'T MIND RUNNING CUZ I WAS SO EXCITED.
I KNEW REGGIE WOULD DIE IF TANNER FOUND OUT WHAT HAPPENED.. SO I COULDN'T WAIT TO TELL HER.
BUT WHEN I GOT HOME EVERYTHING CHANGED.
OH DON'T GIVE ME THAT! YOU LIAR!
I KNEW SHE WAS TALKING TO DAD. SHE DIDN'T TALK THAT WAY TO ANYONE ELSE. I HATED TO HEAR THEM LIKE THIS, AND NOW THAT WE'VE MOVED, IT'S EVEN WORSE, CUZ THEY DON'T HAVE TO FACE EACH OTHER.
AMELIA!
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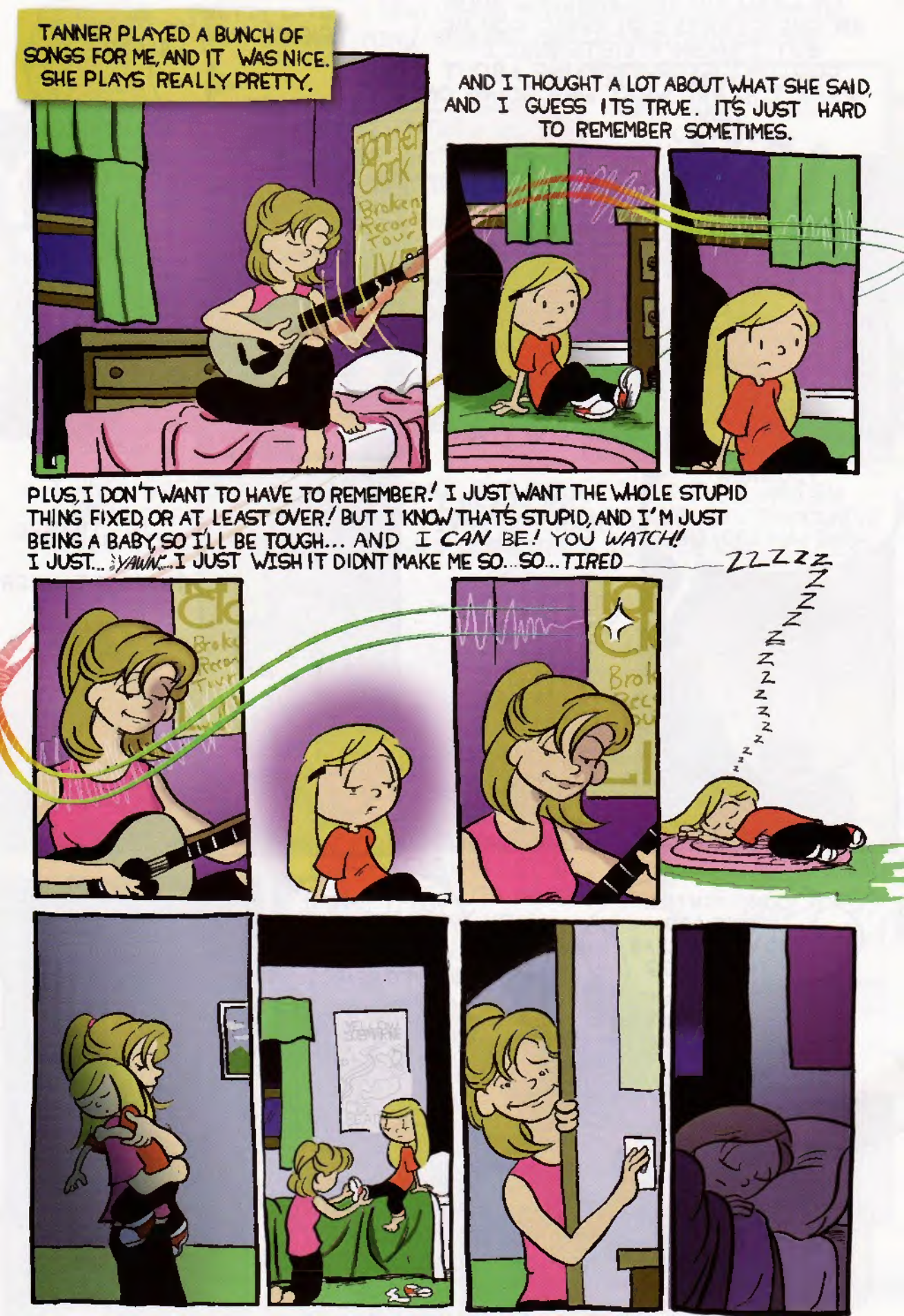
OH... TANNER!
UMM...C'MON SHRIMP..LET'S GET OUTA HERE.
HEY! HOW ABOUT I PLAY YOU MY NEW SONG?
OH...UMM... OKAY.
I HOPE YOU'RE HAPPY!
and he HEARD us THAT'S what i'm TALKING about!

WE WENT UP TO TANNER'S ROOM AN' SHE STARTED PLAYING FOR ME BUT I WASN'T LISTENING. I COULDN'T STOP THINKING ABOUT WHAT I HEARD... WHAT WAS GOING ON.
LIAR
LIAR
LIAR
BUT TANNER DIDN'T LET ME MOPE FOR LONG.
SIGH
"I USED TO BE DISGUSTED... NOW I TRY TO BE AMUSED."
WHAT?
ELVIS COSTELLO... FIRST ALBUM.
YOU KNOW AMELIA... JUST BECAUSE YOUR HOME WAS BRDKEN...
THAT DOESN'T MEAN YOU HAVE TO BE
UMM... TH...THANKS.
THANKS TANNER.
DONT MENTION IT. NOW DO YOU WANNA HEAR THIS SONG?
SURE.
YOU'LL LIKE IT. IT'S GOT LYRICS YOURE TOO YOUNG TO HEAR.


TANNER PLAYED A BUNCH OF SONGS FOR ME, AND IT WAS NICE. SHE PLAYS REALLY PRETTY.
Tanner Clark
Broken Record Tour
AND I THOUGHT A LOT ABOUT WHAT SHE SAID, AND I GUESS ITS TRUE. IT'S JUST HARD TO REMEMBER SOMETIMES.
PLUS, I DON'T WANT TO HAVE TO REMEMBER! I JUST WANT THE WHOLE STUPID THING FIXED, OR AT LEAST OVER! BUT I KNOW THAT'S STUPID, AND I'M JUST BEING A BABY, SO I'LL BE TOUGH... AND I CAN BE! YOU WATCH!
I JUST... YAWN... I JUST WISH IT DIDNT MAKE ME SO... SO... TIRED
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"It used to go like that, now it goes like this." -Bob Dylan

Hi. Some of you might remember me from my previous comic "Shades of Gray" , but a whole bunch of you probably don't know me from Adam.

So allow me to introduce myself...

I've been knocking around the comics biz since January of 1993 (Lost Century!) when I self published my first issue of "Shades of Gray Comics and Stories". Over the next couple years, I put out a dozen issues before moving over to become a part of Caliber's Tapestry line (Never heard of it? Neither have I.) for another four.

I took some time off from comics to develop a career in Graphic Design. I'm currently Art Director for an abc affiliate station, and have a pretty nifty gig going.

But I have this problem.

I love comic books.

Sometimes I'm not even sure why. I just know that this goofy little medium has brought me more joy than just about any other kind of entertainment I can think of (Well, except the Beatles of course. What did you think of that "1" compilation. I'm not crazy about remastering things, but it certainly does rock. I got the Anthology book for a wedding present (Hi Karen!).)

So almost as soon as I retired (Temporarily, I'm too compulsive to just let something go.) "Shades of Gray" (Does it sound vaguely familiar? It's that one about the teenagers. Yeah, that one!) I started working on developing the series you know hold.

It's really been fun. I hope the joy I had creating these pages shows, because I want this little book of ours (Hey,you bought it, we're in this together now. You didn't buy it yet ?! Well cough it up! This ain't a library!) to just sing. A lot was made ,when I was growing up, of comics being as mature an artform as film (You know, sophisticated... like "Little Nicky".), and that's great. It just seems that maybe we forgot that they can also be fun.

Let's see if we can't change that.

Whaddya say? You 'n' me against the world.

That's the spirit! We'll save comics TOGETHER!

WOW! Now you've got ME excited!

So I'll get back to work on "Amelia Rules!", and you go out and spread the word.

'Cuz let's face it... You've got no choice.

You love comics too.

-Jimmy Gownley

yet another

BLONDE GODDESS

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